

Testimony

Capitol Region Development Authority

Before the Planning and Development Committee

General Assembly, State of Connecticut

Proposed HB 5980

An Act Extending the Boundaries of the Capital Region Development Authority

Honorable Members of the Planning and Development Committee, my name is Mike Freimuth and I am the Executive Director of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA). CRDA is the successor agency to the former Capital City Economic Development Authority which was established to build out the Adriaen's Landing District including the Convention Center and Front Street. That task, largely completed in 2012 led to the reconstituting of the Agency, its board and its mission into CRDA.

Besides managing the major state entertainment venues including the XL Center, Rentschler Field and the Convention Center/Front Street area; CRDA has also been engaged with a variety of projects geared to renew the downtown Hartford business district including the reconstruction of a variety of state office complexes and the creation of new housing units.

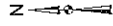
Our primary district covers the downtown Hartford area, stretching roughly from just north of Interstate 84, down to the Colt facility along Interstate 91, generally westward to the State Capitol building, and returning to the east along Farmington and Asylum Avenues to the Connecticut River. We can also participate in projects elsewhere within the City of Hartford at its request and in the seven towns that abut Hartford at the request of those communities. However, we cannot utilize funds for 'capital city economic development projects' outside of the main downtown target area. For this reason, the expansion of the target area would free up some of our authorized funding to be used within the proposed new lines incorporating parts of East Hartford.

CRDA DISTRICT MAP

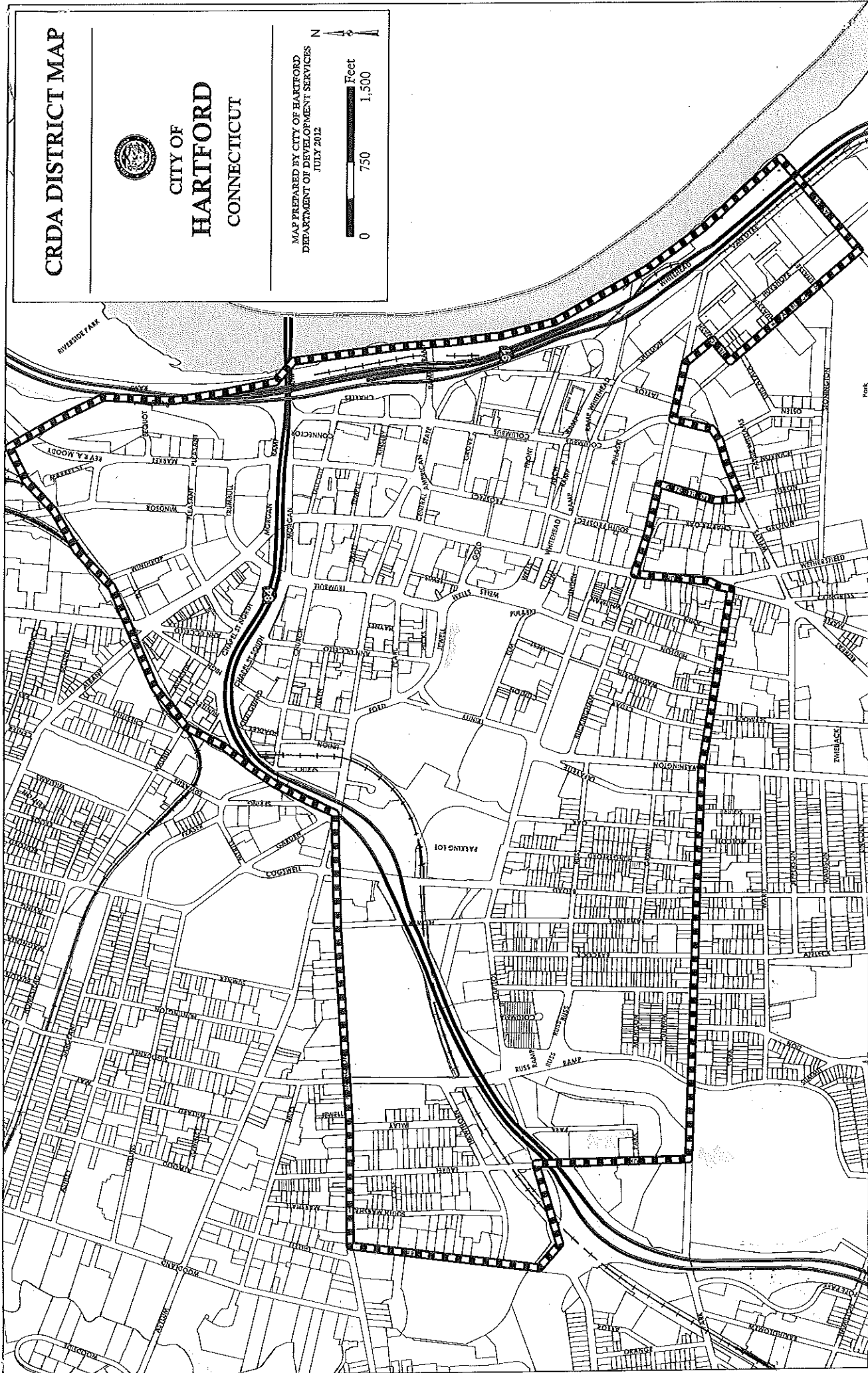


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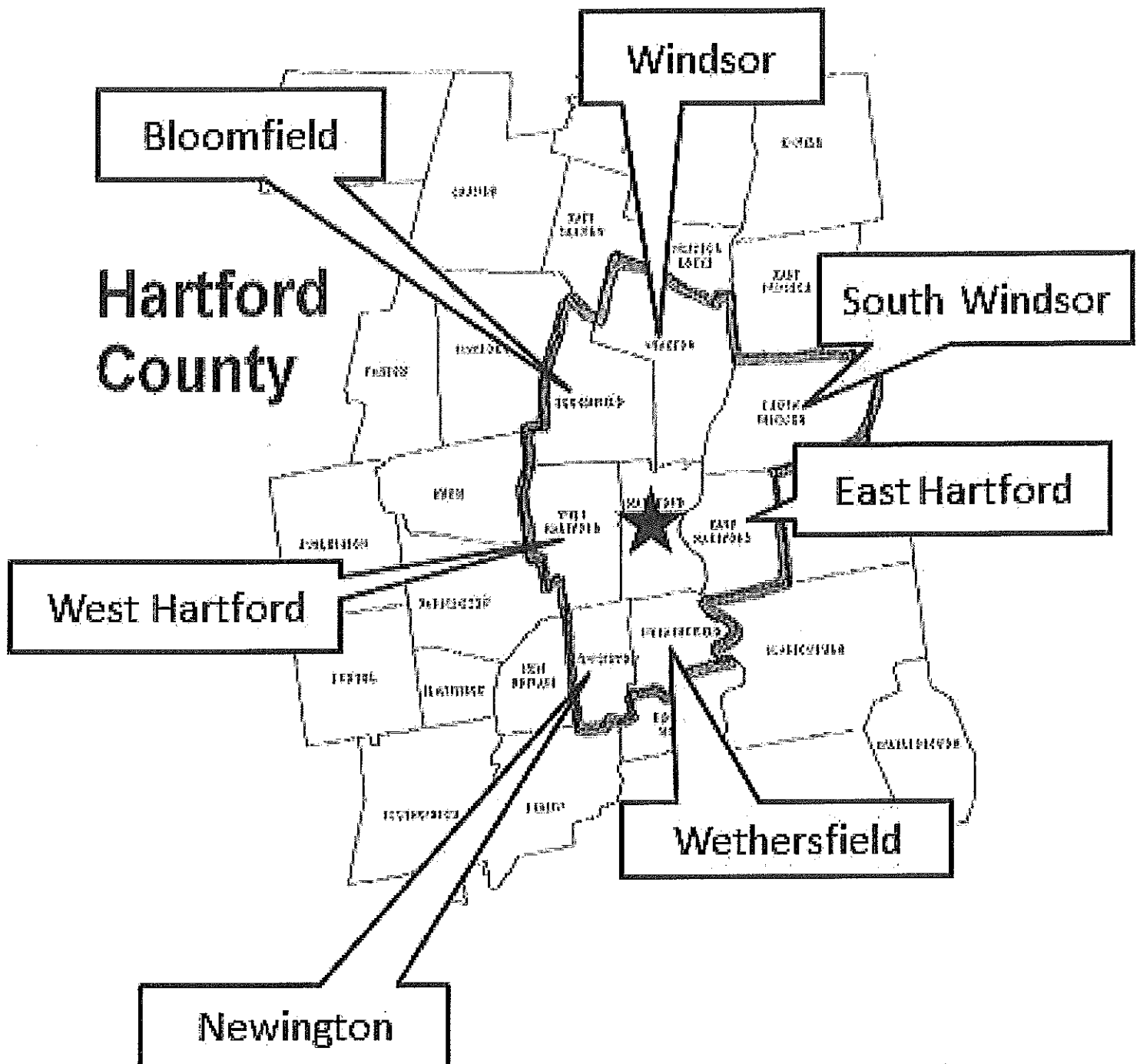
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**CRDA REGIONAL
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Proposed East Hartford Expansion of CRDA District

